

Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Alaska received 10,654 lightning strikes Thursday. For a map of the strikes or to view existing fire locations, visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>.
- Twenty-two new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Thursday. Three are within Alaska Fire Service's management area and 19 are in the Division of Forestry's management area. Currently 31 fires are active in Alaska. AICC reports that so far this year 222 fires statewide have burned nearly 212,380 acres.
- Seven fires are staffed:
 - The lightning-caused Christian River Fire, burning 20 miles northwest of Fort Yukon is staffed with 113 personnel. Due to more accurate mapping, the fire is now estimated to be 122 acres and is contained.
 - The human-caused Parks Highway Fire, south of Nenana, is staffed with 50 personnel and is 115,500 acres. Firefighters continue to secure additional values, mop-up, and patrol the area. For more information call: 907-451-2627.
 - Five new fires are staffed in the Southwest Area as smokejumpers responded to the Stoney #2 Fire (2 smokejumpers), the Aniak #1 Fire (8 smokejumpers), the Look Out Fire (2 smokejumpers), the Stoney River Fire (5 smokejumpers), and the Crooked Creek Fire (4 smokejumpers). Each of these new, staffed fires were 15 acres or less.
- For additional information about fire activity in Alaska visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info):
(907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626,
<http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information:
<http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.